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1. SINCE LAST JULY'S GENERAL MOBILIZATION, CEP IS
NO LONGER ACADEMIC ISSUE IN GREECE. THERE HAS BEEN
MAJOR TEST OF EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PRACTICAL INSIGHTS
INTO DUAL CIVIL AND MILITARY ASPECTS CEP, AS OUTLINED
THEORETICALLY IN REFS A AND B. MOBILIZATION WAS REPORTED
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AT THE TIME IN DETAIL THROUGH DAO ATHENS. NATIONAL

MOBILIZATION DEMONSTRATED THAT GREEK MILITARY HAS COMMANDING ROLE EVEN IN CIVIL ASPECTS OF EMERGENCY PLANNING. THERE ARE SUBORDINATE CEP COMMITTEES IN CERTAIN CIVILIAN MINISTRIES SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION AND INDUSTRIES WITH SOME KEY SECTORS, SUCH AS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND WATER SUPPLIES, LEFT LARGELY AND VULNERABLY SO IN HANDS OF TRADITIONAL MARKET FORCES AND INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE. IN ANY CASE, CEP IS MORE THAN USUALLY SENSITIVE TOPIC JUST NOW WITH GOG WHICH CAN COMPREHEND ITS RELEVANCE ONLY IN CONTEXT OF CONFRONTATION WITH TURKEY.

2. EMBOFF RECENTLY BROACHED CEP SUBJECT IN GENERAL TERMS WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR NATO AFFAIRS, GREEK MFA, EMMANUEL KALPADAKIS, WHO VAGUELY AWARE OF NATO ASPECT CEP. MFA IS DEFINITELY NOT ACTIVE THIS FRONT. KALPADAKIS INDICATED THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN GOG BELONGED TO DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING, SHAFK, WHOSE HEAD, BRIGADIER GENERAL BARTSALIAS, WAS, INCIDENTALLY, THE ONLY OFFICIAL FROM LONG LIST CONTAINED REF C OF WHOM MFA OFFICIAL HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE.

3. EMBASSY RELUCTANT TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON CEP THROUGH APPROPRIATE GREEK MILITARY CHANNELS IN VIEW OF PRESENT GREEK SENSITIVITIES AND ALSO BECAUSE OUR CHANNELS TO SHAFK ARE WELL CLOGGED WITH PRESSING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. WE NOTE THAT REAR ADMIRAL P.S. PAGONIS, CHAIRMAN, GREEK SHIPPING COUNCIL, IS DOMICILED IN LONDON AND COMMUTES TO BRUSSELS FOR CERTAIN CEP MATTERS. PAGONIS IS RETIRED ADMIRAL AND DAO LONDON MAY KNOW HIM OR BE ABLE TO MAKE HIS ACQUAINTANCE IN ORDER TO BUILD CONTACT COMPETENT FOR INVOLVEMENT OF GREECE'S SHIPPING INDUSTRY WITH CEP.
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